

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A seal element (1) for a vehicle component (3), comprising a seal body (4) delimiting a seal space (5), said seal body being engaged by said vehicle component (3) when said vehicle components (3) is in a sealed position, said seal element 1 including a reinforcement structure (7) supported in said seal space (5) so as to be movable relative to said seal body (4) and means for fixing said reinforcement structure 7 in predetermined positions within said seal body (4), for supporting a seal contact area of the seal body (4).
2. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein a guide element (8) is provided in said seal space (5) and said reinforcement structure (7) is guided by said guide element (8) over a predetermined length thereof for movement in said seal body (4).
3. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement structure (7) is circular at least over a part thereof.
4. (currently amended) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement body (7) is insertable in a receiver pocket (14) formed in said seal body ~~94~~ (4).
5. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said seal body includes at least two sections consisting of materials of different resiliency.

6. (currently amended) A seal element according to claim 5, wherein said reinforcement structure (7) engages said seal body (4) in at least one position thereof and a section of material of greater resiliency is arranged in said seal body in the area which is engaged by said reinforcement structure (7) in said at least one position of said reinforcement structure (7) has a greater resiliency than the rest of the seal body.

7. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, including a mounting element (10) for fixing the reinforcement structure (7) in a particular position.

8. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement structure (7) consists of a metal sheet.